# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

In the Matter of Trademark Application Serial No.78/247,021 filed May 7, 2003.

Published in the Official Gazette on January 27, 2004.

THE MEOW MIX COMPANY,

Opposer,

V.

JAYNE RUTH ROSENBERG.

Applicant.

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Opposition No.

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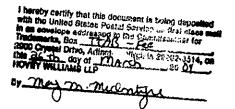
#### NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

In the matter of Application Serial No. 78/247,021 filed May 7, 2003 and published in the Official Gazette on January 27, 2004 at Page TM 311, The Meow Mix Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 400 Plaza Drive, 1st Floor,, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094 (hereinafter referred to as "Opposer"), believes that it would be damaged by registration of the mark shown in said application and hereby opposes the same.

As grounds for opposition, it is alleged that:

 Opposer, The Meow Mix Company, is a corporation of the State of Delaware. having a principal place of business at 400 Plaza Drive, 1st Floor Secaucus, New Jersey 07094.

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- Applicant, Jayne Ruth Rosenberg, is an individual citizen of the United States residing at Apartment 4B, 235 East 95th Street, New York, New York 10128 (hereinafter referred to as "Applicant").
- 3. Opposer has continuously used trademarks having the term MEOW as a dominant portion of the mark and has used such marks to identify not only food for cats and treats for cats, but a large number of collateral items which have been identified by trademarks also having the term MEOW as a dominant portion of the mark (hereinafter referred to as "MEOW" Marks).
- 4. Opposer and its predecessors have used MEOW Marks for cat food since at least as early as 1974, which date is long prior to the filing date of Applicant's application on May 7, 2003.
- Opposer is the owner of Certificate of Registration No. 1,995,276 for the mark MEOW MIX issued August 20, 1996 and covering the word mark MEOW MIX for cat food. A copy of said registration is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Said registration is alive and in good standing and is incontestable.
- 6. Opposer is also the owner of Certificate of Registration No. 2,365,313 for the mark MEOW MIX in a fanciful design, issued July 4, 2000, and covering the mark shown in the registration for pet food. A copy of said registration is attached hereto as Exhibit B. Said registration is alive and in good standing and is incontestable.
- 7. Opposer is the owner of Certificate of Registration No. 2,798,972 issued December 23, 2003 and covering the word MEOW for cat food. A copy of said registration is attached hereto as Exhibit C. Said registration is alive, in good standing, and is incontestable.

- Opposer is the owner of Certificate of Registration No. 2,768,005 issued September
   23, 2003 and covering the mark MEOW-A-LOT for cat food and cat treats. A copy of said registration is attached hereto as Exhibit D. Said registration is alive and in good standing.
- 9. Opposer is the owner of Certificate of Registration No. 2,770,134 issued September 30, 2003 and covering the mark MEOW MORSELS for cat food and cat treats. A copy of said registration is attached hereto as Exhibit E. Said registration is alive and in good standing.
- 10. Opposer is the owner of Certificate of Registration No. 2,805,635 issued January 13, 2004 and covering the mark MEOW CENTRAL for retail and on-line merchandising services for cat food, cat treats and cat toys and accessories. A copy of said registration is attached hereto as Exhibit F. Said registration is alive and in good standing.
- 11. Opposer is the owner of Certificate of Registration No. 2,815,613 issued February 17, 2004 and covering the mark MEOW TV for entertainment services in the nature of an ongoing television program for cats and their owners featuring general information about cats. A copy of said registration is attached hereto as Exhibit G. Said registration is alive and in good standing.
- 12. In addition to the aforementioned issued Certificates of Registration, applicant is the owner of the following identified presently pending applications for registration.
- 13. MR. MEOW, Application Serial No. 76/510,334, for printed materials, including books; games, toys and playthings; clothing; and pet food and pet treats. A copy of the TESS printout of said application is attached hereto as Exhibit H.

- 14. MRS. MEOW, Application Serial No. 76/528,168, for printed materials, including books; games, toys and playthings; clothing; and pet food and pet treats. A copy of the TESS printout of said application is attached hereto as Exhibit I.
- 15. MEOW GOLD, Application Serial No. 76/543,294, for pet food and pet treats. A copy of the TESS printout of said application is attached hereto as Exhibit J.
- 16. MEOW TALK, Application Serial No. 76/529,418, entertainment services in the nature of an ongoing radio and television program for cats and their owners featuring general information about cats. A copy of the TESS printout of said application is attached hereto as Exhibit K.
- 17. MEOW NIPS, Application Serial No. 76/448,847, for cat food and cat treats. A copy of the TESS printout of said application is attached hereto as Exhibit L.
- 18. MEOW POWER, Application Serial No. 76/555,402, for cat food and cat treats. A copy of the TESS printout of said application is attached hereto as Exhibit M.
- 19. MEOW RADIO, Application Serial No. 76/520,552, for entertainment services in the nature of an ongoing radio program for cats and their owners featuring general information about cats. A copy of the TESS printout of said application is attached hereto as Exhibit N.
- 20. MEOW MIX, Application Serial No. 76/473,515, for cat feeding bowls; pet blankets; and toys for cats and toys for children. A copy of the TESS printout of said application is attached hereto as Exhibit O.
- 21. Opposer has, since the first use of a "MEOW" Mark for cat food in 1974 by its predecessor, spent substantial sums of money in advertising and promoting the products sold under "MEOW" trademarks.

- 22. Opposer and its predecessors have sold billions of dollars worth of products under the MEOW trademarks since the first use of such a mark by Opposer's predecessor.
- 23. Opposer has used its MEOW Trademarks throughout the United States and, for that matter, throughout the world, and as a result of such use, the advertising of the MEOW Marks and the sale of goods under the marks, said marks have acquired a substantial reputation and good will as indicating Opposer as the source of products in connection with which the MEOW Marks are used.
- Opposer has used its MEOW Marks in connection with products similar to dolls in the form of a cat, for which Applicant seeks to register the mark ROMEOW, attention being directed to Application Serial No. 76/473,515 covering the mark MEOW MIX for toys for cats and toys for children; to Registration No. 2,805,635 covering the mark MEOW CENTRAL for goods including cat toys; to Application Serial No. 76/528,168 seeking registration of the mark MRS. MEOW for games, toys and playthings; and to Application Serial No. 76/510,334 seeking registration of the mark MR. MEOW for games, toys and playthings.
- 25. Applicant includes herewith as Exhibit P a page from its current catalog showing the use of the trademark MEOW to identify plush toys and similar related goods.
- 26. Applicant's mark ROMEOW is clearly dominated by the term MEOW and is sought to be registered for dolls in the form of a cat.
- 27. Upon information and belief, the mark of Applicant; namely, ROMEOW, was adopted with both actual and constructive knowledge of the prior rights of Opposer

in and to its mark MEOW Marks in connection with not only cat food and cat treats, but toy items.

- 28. Applicant's mark ROMEOW, being dominated by the term MEOW, would lead consumers to believe that the products identified by the mark are sold by Opposer or an affiliate of Opposer or are in some manner sponsored, endorsed or approved by Opposer. This is particularly true in view of Opposer's long and wide use of marks dominated by the term MEOW in connection with a wide variety of products.
- 29. To allow registration of the mark ROMEOW to Applicant in view of the prior rights of Opposer would cause damage to Opposer and to the reputation and goodwill it enjoys in its trademarks dominated by the term MEOW and variations thereof for a wide variety of products.
- 30. For the reasons set forth above, Opposer, by this Notice of Opposition, opposes the registration by Applicant of the mark ROMEOW.
- 31. Opposer would be damaged if Applicant is allowed to register the trademark ROMEOW, since said mark is confusingly similar to marks hereto used and registered by Opposer in connection with the same and similar items.

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that Application Serial No. 78/247,021 be denied as filed and published and Applicant adjudged not entitled to registration of the mark ROMEOW.

The undersigned Opposer hereby appoint the law firm of HOVEY WILLIAMS LLP, 2405 Grand Boulevard, Suite 400, Kansas City, Missouri 64108, telephone number 816/474-9050, as the address to whom all communications about this opposition are to be directed, and hereby appoint each of the following attorneys associated with said firm, and

of the same address, individually and collectively, its attomeys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this opposition proceeding, to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith: Robert D. Hovey, Warren N. Williams, Stephen D. Timmons, John M. Collins, Thomas H. Van Hoozer, Thomas B. Luebbering, Andrew G. Colombo, Tracy L. Bornman, Tracey S. Truitt, Scott R. Brown, Michael Elbein, David V. Ayres, Kameron D. Kelly, Greg J. Skoch, Jason E. Gorden, Cheryl Burbach, and Rachel L. Pickering.

Respectfully submitted,

THE MEOW MIX COMPANY

By: Name: Richard Thompson

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Prior U.S. Cls.: 1 and 46

# United States Patent and Trademark Office Registered Aug. 20, 1996

# TRADEMARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

# **MEOW MIX**

RALSTON PURINA COMPANY (MISSOURI CORPORATION) CHECKERBOARD SQUARE ST. LOUIS, MO 63164

FOR: CAT FOOD, IN CLASS 31 (U.S. CLS. 1 AND 46).

FIRST USE 9-0-1974; IN COMMERCE 9-0-1974.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NO. 1,741,561.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "MIX", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 74-708,951, FILED 7-13-1995.

MICHAEL MASON, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

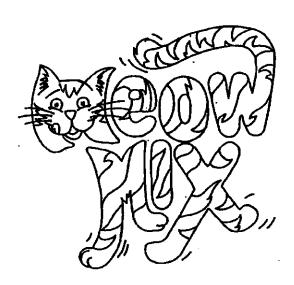
Prior U.S. Cls.: 1 and 46

Reg. No. 2,365,313

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Registered July 4, 2006

# TRADEMARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER



RALSTON PURINA COMPANY (MISSOURI COR-PORATION) CHECKERBOARD SQUARE ST. LOUIS, MO 63164

FOR: PET FOOD, IN CLASS 31 (U.S. CLS. I AND 46).

FIRST USE 3-0-1999; IN COMMERCE 3-0-1999.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NOS. 1,741,561 AND 1,995,276.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "MIX", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SN 75-634,735, FILED 2-5-1999.

ANDY COREA, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

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Prior U.S. Cls.: 1 and 46

Reg. No. 2,798,972 Registered Dec. 23, 2003

United States Patent and Trademark Office

# TRADEMARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

# **MEOW**

MEOW MIX COMPANY, THE (DELAWARE COR-PORATION) 400 PLAZA DRIVE, 1ST FLOOR SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

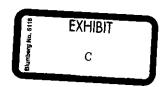
FOR: CAT FOOD, IN CLASS 31 (U.S. CLS. 1 AND 46).

FIRST USE 2-1-2002; IN COMMERCE 2-1-2002.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NOS. 1,741,561, 2,521,864, AND OTHERS.

SN 76-442,786, FILED 8-22-2002.

SAMUEL E. SHARPER JR., EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Prior U.S. Cls.: 1 and 46

Reg. No. 2,768,005 Registered Sep. 23, 2003

United States Patent and Trademark Office

# TRADEMARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

# **MEOW-A-LOT**

THE MEOW MIX COMPANY (DELAWARE COR-PORATION) 400 PLAZA DRIVE, 1ST FLOOR SECAUCUS, NJ 07094 OWNER OF U.S. REG. NOS. 1,741,561, 2,521,864, AND OTHERS.

FOR: CAT FOOD AND CAT TREATS, IN CLASS 31 (U.S. CLS. 1 AND 46).

SN 76-433,073, FILED 7-22-2002.

FIRST USE 5-19-2003; IN COMMERCE 5-19-2003.

ANDY COREA, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

Prior U.S. Cls.: 1 and 46

Reg. No. 2,770,134

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Registered Sep. 30, 2003

# TRADEMARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

# **MEOW MORSELS**

MEOW MIX COMPANY, THE (DELAWARE CORPORATION)
400 PLAZA DRIVE, IST FLOOR
SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "MORSELS", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

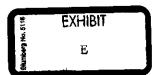
FOR: CAT FOOD AND CAT TREATS, IN CLASS 31 (U.S. CLS. 1 AND 46).

SN 76-407,349, FILED 5-13-2002.

FIRST USE 5-19-2003; IN COMMERCE 5-19-2003.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NOS. 1,741,561, 2,521,864, AND OTHERS.

SAMUEL E. SHARPER JR., EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101, and 102

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 2,805,635 Registered Jan. 13, 2004

# SERVICE MARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

# **MEOW CENTRAL**

THE MEOW MIX COMPANY (DELAWARE COR-PORATION) 400 PLAZA DRIVE, 1ST FLOOR SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

FOR: RETAIL AND ON-LINE MERCHANDISING SERVICES FOR CAT FOOD, CAT TREATS AND CAT TOYS AND ACCESSORIES, IN CLASS 35 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).

FIRST USE 6-2-2003; IN COMMERCE 6-2-2003.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NOS. 1,741,561, 2,521,864, AND OTHERS.

SN 76-451,456, FILED 9-16-2002.

RICHARD A. STRASER, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

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Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101, and 107

Reg. No. 2,815,613 Registered Feb. 17, 2004

# United States Patent and Trademark Office

# SERVICE MARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

# **MEOW TV**

THE MEOW MIX COMPANY (DELAWARE COR-PORATION) 400 PLAZA DRIVE, IST FLOOR SECAUCUS, NJ 07094

FOR: ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES IN THE NATURE OF AN ONGOING TELEVISION PROGRAM FOR CATS AND THEIR OWNERS FEATURING GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CATS, IN CLASS 41 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 107).

FIRST USE 5-30-2003; IN COMMERCE 5-30-2003.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "TV", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SN 76-442,785, FILED 8-22-2002.

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**BOOKS** 

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IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: CLOTHING

IC 031. US 001 046. G & S: PET FOOD AND PET TREATS

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Prior Registrations

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Law Office Assigned: LAW OFFICE 113

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#### LAST APPLICANT(S)/OWNER(S) OF RECORD

# 1. THE MEOW MIX COMPANY

#### Address:

THE MEOW MIX COMPANY 400 Plaza Drive, 1st Floor Secaucus, NJ 07094 United States

Legal Entity Type: Corporation

State or Country of Incorporation: Delaware

#### GOODS AND/OR SERVICES

PRINTED MATERIALS, INCLUDING BOOKS

**International Class: 016** 

First Use Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

First Use in Commerce Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

Basis: 1(b)

**CLOTHING** 

**International Class: 025** 

First Use Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

First Use in Commerce Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

Basis: 1(b)

GAMES, TOYS AND PLAYTHINGS

**International Class: 028** 

First Use Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

First Use in Commerce Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

Basis: 1(b)

PET FOOD AND PET TREATS

International Class: 031

First Use Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

First Use in Commerce Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

Basis: 1(b)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Prior Registration Number(s):** 

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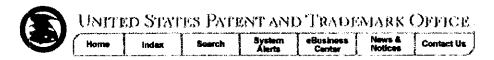
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Law Office Assigned: LAW OFFICE 113

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**MEOW GOLD** 

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Attorney of Record Robert D. Hovey

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**International Class: 031** 

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Basis: 1(b)

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2003-12-24 - Approved for Pub - Principal Register (Initial exam)

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2003-12-18 - Case file assigned to examining attorney

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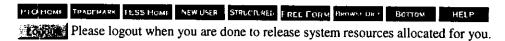
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FEATURING GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CATS

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#### MADRID PROTOCOL INFORMATION

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#### PROSECUTION HISTORY

2004-03-16 - Published for opposition

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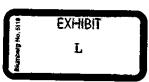
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course.

Date of Status: 2004-03-21

Filing Date: 2002-09-12

Transformed into a National Application: No

Registration Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

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State or Country of Incorporation: Delaware

#### GOODS AND/OR SERVICES

CAT FOOD AND CAT TREATS

International Class: 031 First Use Date: 2004-01-01

First Use in Commerce Date: 2004-01-01

Basis: 1(a)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **Prior Registration Number(s):**

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#### MADRID PROTOCOL INFORMATION

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#### PROSECUTION HISTORY

2004-03-21 - Allowed for Registration - Principal Register (SOU accepted)

2004-03-17 - Case file assigned to examining attorney

2004-03-16 - Case File in TICRS

2004-03-10 - Statement of use processing complete

2004-02-13 - Amendment to Use filed

2004-02-13 - PAPER RECEIVED

2003-12-18 - Extension 1 granted

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#### PROSECUTION HISTORY

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2003-12-22 - Approved for Pub - Principal Register (Initial exam)

2003-12-18 - Case file assigned to examining attorney

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**International Class: 041** 

First Use Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

First Use in Commerce Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

Basis: 1(b)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Prior Registration Number(s):** 

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2003-12-23 - Approved for Pub - Principal Register (Initial exam)

2003-12-22 - Examiner's amendment mailed

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IC 024. US 042 050. G & S: PET BLANKETS. FIRST USE: 20021201. FIRST USE IN

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Filing Date: 2002-12-02

Transformed into a National Application: No

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#### **GOODS AND/OR SERVICES**

CAT FEEDING BOWLS International Class: 021 First Use Date: 2002-12-01

First Use in Commerce Date: 2002-12-01

Basis: 1(a)

PET BLANKETS

International Class: 024
First Use Date: 2002-12-01

First Use in Commerce Date: 2002-12-01

Basis: 1(a)

TOYS FOR CATS AND TOYS FOR CHILDREN

International Class: 028 First Use Date: 2002-12-01

First Use in Commerce Date: 2002-12-01

Basis: 1(a)

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#### MADRID PROTOCOL INFORMATION

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